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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 126030 ACTION KINSHASA, LUBUMBASHI, BRUSSELS, PARIS, ROME, LUSAKA, LISBON, SECDEF, USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN, CINCLANT NORFOLK, CINCUSAFE WIESBADEN, DIA WASHDC, CINCPAC HONOLULU HAWAII, CINCMAC, JAS WASHDC, SAC OFFUTT NEB, REDCOM MCDILL AFB, COMJTF7A FOR BRAGG, INFO USUN NEW YORK, BRAZZAVILLE, HAVANA, RABAT, LIBREVILLE, NAIROBI, USICA WASHDC, ACCRA, MOSCOW, JIDDA, MONROVIA, LAGOS, ABIDJAN, KHARTOUM, CAIRO, NIAMEY, YAOUNDE, MAPUTO, USNATO, LOME, DAR ES SALAAM, BANGUI, BUJUMBURA, AND KIGALI DATED MAY 18, 1978.

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